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Fund to ICMR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the amount of funds demanded by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount of funds allocated to ICMR for the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(c) the reasons for the difference in the amount needed and the amount allocated; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the research potential of ICMR including financial capacity, managerial ability, availability of equipment and reagents etc.?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): As per demand projected by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an outlay of Rs. 4770 Crore was approved for the 12th Five Plan.
Rs. 2758.17 Crore has been allocated at Budget Estimate (BE) stage and Rs. 2811.88 Crore at Revised Estimate (RE) stage during 2012-13 to 2016-17.
(c): The 12th Plan Outlay was approved by the then Planning Commission based on the requirements of ICMR. However, year to year budgetary allocations are made by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. No specific reasons are given by Department of Expenditure while fixing BE/RE ceilings.
(d): Steps to improve research potential of ICMR include:
i. Prioritising the research activities with reference to the National health priorities;
ii. Proper balancing of intra-mural and extra-mural research projects;
iii. Optimum utilisation of available resources;
iv. Strengthening of manpower as per review of ICMR's performance by external experts;
v. Strengthening program implementation through research including data management, leveraging traditional medicine and capacity building.
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